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Dear Watkins,

I think such a discussion as you suggest on a fairly well refined point, would be a valuable feature at Genetical Society meetings. The chief difficulty that I seem to remember in such discussions, at other Societies is, that unless the two or three people, who are going to take the lead, are wanting to talk about pretty nearly the same thing, the time needed to come to an understanding of what we are talking about, is in danger of being excessive. The relative evolutionary importance of large and small mutations in producing both adaptive and non-adaptive changes looks to me like quite a profitable topic.

If you are in town, before the meeting at any time, it might be worth while to have a talk and perhaps to bring in Haldane also, in order to get the main issues clear. Of course, if you could send me your main points in advance, it would be all the better.

Yours sincerely,